

Philip Edwards (1933-2015)

Philip Edwards died on 27 November 2015 at Summerhill Care Home, Kendal, Cumbria, at the age of 92. Philip was an early Fellow of the Shakespeare Institute, and subsequently held chairs at Trinity College Dublin, the University of Essex, and the University of Liverpool. As textual scholar he was editor of *Hamlet* for the New Cambridge series and, with Colin Gibson, the standard Oxford *Plays and Poems of Philip Massinger*. His many critical studies include *Shakespeare and the Confines of Art* and the groundbreaking *Threshold of a Nation: A Study of English and Irish Drama*. The latter combined a socially and historically sensitized approach to theatre studies with his characteristic emotional intelligence as a reader. He supervised my own PhD at Liverpool with unfailing wisdom, generosity, and avuncular humanity.

--John Jowett